

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-5 and 8-16 are pending. Claims 1-2, 8-10, 14 and 16 are allowed. By this Amendment, Claims 5, 11-13, and 15 have been amended. Applicants respectfully submit no new matter is presented herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 1-2, 8-10, 14 and 16 are allowed.

Applicants also appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants further appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claim 15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 5, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 5, 11-13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Although Applicants respectfully traverse both rejections, Applicants have amended Claims 5, 11-13 and 15 in a manner believed to be responsive to the rejections. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of both rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the rejections, allowance of Claims 1, 4-5 and 8-16, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 107355-00090.**

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